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SUBJECT: MFA QUERY ON UNAUTHORIZED OVERFLIGHT OF
U.S. AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) DACCA 6585 (77), (B) STATE 277274 (77)

1. FAA HAS PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT THE FOLLOWING INFO
CONCERNING AN ALLEDGED UNAUTHORIZED OVERFLIGHT OF
BANGLADESH BY A WORLD AIRWAYS, INC. AIRCRAFT, U.S. REG.
N-801 WA/FLIGHT NUMBER 90068 ON SEPT. 19, 1977 WHILE
ENROUTE FROM BANGKOK TO NEW DELHI.

2. AIRCRAFT ROUTING WAS BANGKOK, A-1 MINGALADON,
ARD-A1 AKYAB, ADR-R60 VIA STARFISH, LOBSTER TO CALCUTTA.
FLIGHT SEGMENT ADR-R60 ROUTE PARALLELS THE DACCA
FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) FROM POINT 21 DEGREES
00 MINUTES N - 92 DEGREES 00 MINUTES E NORTHWEST BOUND
FOR 225 NM TO CALCUTTA. SINCE THE AIRWAYS ROUTE CENTER-
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LINE DISTANCE TO DACCA FLIGHT IDENTIFICATIONS REGION
(FIR) BOUNDARY IS FROM 20 NM ONSET TO 10 NM AT CALCUTTA,
IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE VIOLATION OCCURRED ALONG THIS
SECTOR OF FLIGHT. THE BANGLADESH AVIATION AUTHORITIES
DID NOT STATE SPECIFICALLY WHERE THEY BELIEVED THE
AIRCRAFT ENTERED BANGLADESH TERRITORY. AREA WEATHER
WAS CLEAR OF CLOUDS. ALL RADIO AIR NAVIGATION AIRBORNE

EQUIPMENT AND ENROUTE FACILITIES WERE OPERATIONAL. THE FLIGHT CAPTAIN AND FIRST OFFICER ARE CONFIDENT THEY OPERATED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF ADR-R60. THEY DO NOT REMEMBER MAKING ANY HEADING CORRECTIONS WHILE PARALLELING THE DACCA FIR BOUNDARY INBOUND TO CALCUTTA AND STATED THEY DID NOT OVERFLY BANGLADESH TERRITORY.

3. RECOGNIZING THAT MFA DID NOT MAKE A FORMAL ALLEGATION NOR PROVIDE SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE, DEPT. BELIEVES THAT REPORT PROVIDES APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. POST MAY ADVISE MFA THAT WORLD AIRWAYS HAS INSTRUCTED ITS AIR CREWS TO EXERCISE DUE REGARD FOR THE DACCA FIR BOUNDARY WHILE CONDUCTING FLIGHTS ALONG AIRWAY ADR-R60 AND TO ALWAYS OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE BDG BEFORE ENTERING BANGLADESH AIRSPACE. CHRISTOPHER

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